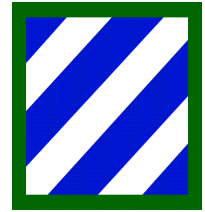


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3rd Infantry Division Soldier presented the Purple Heart at Fort Stewart

FORT STEWART, Ga. (Aug. 22, 2007) – Col. John P. Collins, Winn Army Community Hospital Commander, presented the Purple Heart to Spc. Frank Garcia, August 22 at Winn Army Community Hospital. Garcia's wife Myra, his two sons Steven and Joseph, his daughter Nyah, and his father Frank Garcia, Sr., were also on hand to witness the presentation.

Garcia was a motor transport operator deployed with the 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, in 2005. On May 15, 2005 Garcia was driving in a convoy from Al Hilla, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle causing his injuries.

Garcia joined the Army to serve his country and plans to continue his civilian education upon discharge from the Army. Garcia is now assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit here at Fort Stewart.

The Purple Heart is an American decoration, the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and the first American Award made available to the common Soldier. The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is a combat decoration.